

Appendix A

Correspondence Received Regarding DCED Preliminary Report

Click on the link below to view the letter:

1. Letter from B. Long
2. Letter from Denis Ransy
3. Letter from Constance Twigg
4. Letter from Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Sandra Garley
5. Letter from William Sterns

Appendix B

List of Key Record Elements to be
Considered by the LBC

Documents Included in the Record

1. MSB Brief - 26-page June 19, 1998 responsive brief with 19 exhibits.
2. Correspondence received in response to filing of original petition
 - Art Wettannen, Talkeetna resident (a 1-page letter in opposition to the petition);
 - Murray Nash, Talkeetna resident (a 1-page letter in opposition to the petition);
 - David Lee, Talkeetna resident (a 1-page letter in opposition to the petition);
 - R. Dennis Brandon, Cook Inlet Region, Inc., (a 1-page letter in opposition to the petition);
 - Ellen Wolf, representing Concerned Citizens of Talkeetna, (a 2-page letter in support of the petition);
 - Mark J. Dolecki, Talkeetna Spur road resident, (a 1-page letter in opposition to the petition);
 - R.A. Long, a Talkeetna resident and property owner (a 1-page letter in opposition to the petition);
 - Two similar petitions signed by Talkeetna 253 parties. (Including 161 signatures of voters inside the proposed City of Talkeetna boundary and 22 registered to vote in the greater Talkeetna area but outside the proposed City of Talkeetna boundaries.
3. Petitioners' August 3, 1998 Reply Brief
4. MSB September 21, 1998 Responsive Brief Supplement
5. Petitioners' October 3, 1998 Reply to MSB September 21, 1998 Responsive Brief Supplement
6. DCED December December 7, 1998 Preliminary Report concerning original petition.
7. Comments on December 7, 1998 DCRA Preliminary Report
 - Susan Kellard, January 5, 1999
 - Rose M. Jenne, January 5, 1999
 - Roberta Sheldon, January 6, 1999
 - Art Wetannen, January 6, 1999
 - Robin Jenne & Warren Spaulding, January 6, 1999
 - Phyllis M. Bays, January 6, 1999
 - Ellen M. Wolf, January 7, 1999
 - Raymond MacDonald January 6, 1999

- Elaine Tobias, January 6, 1999
- Brenda Besece & Carl Besece January 6, 1999
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough January 7, 1999

8. Amended Petition

9. MSB July 20, 2000 Responsive Brief on Amended Petition

10. Comments on Amended Petition

- Jean Hestness April 20, 2000
- Carl A. Hestness April 20, 2000
- Edna M. Hestness April 20, 2000
- Eric Hestness April 20, 2000
- B. Long May 8, 2000
- Susan Dolecki May 15, 2000
- Betty Safford-Kjar May 15, 2000
- Doug Smith June 22, 2000
- Ellen Wolf June 22, 2000
- Gene Jenne July 11, 2000
- Constance M. Twigg July 18, 2000
- Gretchen G. Grover & Scott MacDonald July 20, 2000
- Francis L. Twigg July 21, 2000
- Vye Fuley July 21, 2000

11. Matanuska Susitna Borough July 21, 2000 Supplemental Responsive Brief -
Petitioners' September 15, 2000 Reply Brief

12. DCED Preliminary Report April 2001

13. Comments on DCED's April 2001 Preliminary Report

- B. Long April 14, 2001
- Dennis Ransy April 15, 2001
- Zachary Blumner May 2, 2001
- Constance Twigg May 3, 2001
- Sandra Garley, Director of Planning, Matanuska-Susitna Borough May 7, 2001
- William W. Stearns May 7, 2001

14. DCED July 2001 Final Report

15. Other Record Items

- Home Rule Charter
- MSB Talkeetna Comprehensive Plan



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Appendix C

State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposal to Incorporate the City of Talkeetna

The Local Boundary Commission (LBC) will conduct a public hearing concerning the Petition to incorporate a home rule City of Talkeetna encompassing about 24 square miles. The hearing will begin at the following time and location:

**11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 25,
2001
Talkeetna Elementary School**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with 3 AAC 110.560. Following the hearing, the LBC may conduct a decisional session regarding the incorporation proposal in accordance with 3 AAC 110.570. Copies of 3 AAC 110.560 and 3 AAC 110.570 are also available from LBC staff.

For additional information call (907) 269-4557 or write to Local Boundary Commission staff, Division of Community and Business Development, Department of Community & Economic Development, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1770; Anchorage, AK 99501-3510. Inquiries may also be made by fax at (907) 269-4539.

Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in the meeting should contact the Local Boundary Commission staff by August 20, 2001.

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Appendix D

TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

If you plan to offer comments at the public hearing before the Local Boundary Commission (LBC) on the proposed incorporation of the home rule City of Talkeetna, the following tips are offered to make your comments most effective.

1. Come prepared and informed. Plan your comments in advance. Prior to the hearing you may wish to review:

- ♦ the incorporation standards and procedures established in State law (see summary below);
- ♦ the incorporation petition; responsive briefs, and written comments on the petition,
- ♦ DCED's preliminary report, public comments on the preliminary report, and DCED's final report.

The documents are also available on the LBC web site at http://www.dced.state.ak.us/mra/LBC/Mrad_lbc.htm.

2. Provide relevant comments or testimony. The LBC's decision on the incorporation proposal will be based on standards established in law and applied to the facts of the proposal. Comments that address those standards will be most helpful to the LBC. In summary, the relevant standards concern the following:

- ♦ Would incorporation of the City of Talkeetna promote maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units?
- ♦ Do the boundaries of the proposed city include all areas necessary to provide municipal services on an efficient scale?
- ♦ Do the proposed city boundaries include only the present local community, plus reasonably predictable growth, development and public safety needs during the 10 years following the effective date of incorporation of the city?
- ♦ Do the proposed boundaries include entire geographical regions or large unpopulated areas, except when justified by the application of the standards?
- ♦ Does Talkeetna's economy include the human and financial resources necessary to provide municipal services on an efficient, cost-effective level?
- ♦ Is the population of Talkeetna large and stable enough to support city government?
- ♦ Does Talkeetna exhibit a demonstrated need for city government?
- ♦ Can services be provided to Talkeetna by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough on an areawide or nonareawide basis by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough or by annexation to an existing city?
- ♦ Is Talkeetna a community?
- ♦ Is there a practical plan to extend city services to the area proposed for city incorporation?
- ♦ Is the proposed city incorporation in conformance with the Federal Voting Rights Act?
- ♦ Is the proposed city incorporation in the best interests of the State of Alaska?

3. Observe the rules.

- ♦ New written materials may not be filed at the hearing unless good cause for such is shown.
- ♦ Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker (does not apply to Petitioners' Representative and the respondent) to ensure that the LBC will be able to hear from all persons who wish to speak. Please honor the time limits.

4. Avoid repetition. If an earlier speaker has addressed certain points to your satisfaction, you may wish to simply note that you agree with the earlier remarks, and then spend your allotted time on relevant matters that have not yet been addressed.

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